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SUBJ: STATUS OF PROPOSED US-PANAMAIAAN MILITARY COMMITTEE

REF: STATE 232683

1) JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE COMMENTED ON IN A-226 IS NOT SAME AS COMBINED MILITARY COMMITTEE PROPOSED BY SOUTHCOM AND REPORTED IN PANAMA 6316. EMBASSY SEES NO DISCREPANCY.

2) EMB QUESTIONED VALUE PURSUING JMC AS DESCRIBED IN "UNILATERAL ACTIONS" MEMORANDUM BECAUSE IT DID NOT CONTEMPLATE DOING MUCH BEYOND WHAT IS ALREADY BEING ACCOMPLISHED UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS. THERE SEEMED LITTLE POINT PROPOSING IT TO TORRIJOS SINCE HE IS INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT IT WOULD NOT MAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE.

3) SOUTHCOM PROPOSAL (PANAMA 6316) IS HOWEVER SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT CONTEMPLATES CREATION OF "ALLIED STAFF" AND DEVELOPMENT OF COMBINED DEFENSE PLANS INCLUDING USE OF GN UNITS IN CANAL DEFENSE. IT ACCEPTS THAT THERE CANNOT BE ANY ARBITRARY DEFENSE LINES WHICH GN COULD NOT CROSS IF GN IS TO BE TRUE PARTNER AND PARTICIPANT IN CANAL DEFENSE. THIS IS WHAT
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PANAMANIAN WANTS - TO BE CONSULTED REGULARLY ON ALL

DEFENSE MATTERS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING AND
EXECUTION.

4) SOUTHCOM PROPOSAL HAS NOT BEEN
COORDINATED IN PRC NOR WITH DOD AND JCS AND IS NOT
READY FOR DISCUSSION WITH GOP.
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